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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday December 10, 1723.

From the Evening Post, Dec. 5. 1723.

Since our last arrived 1 Mail from France,

Paris, December 11.

ON the 4th Instant, the Duke de Main, and the Count de Toulouse paid a Visit to the Duke de Bourbon, who went out a great Way to meet them, and gave them a very kind Reception: The 7th, the Duke de Maine, took for the first Time since his Disgrace, his Place in the Royal Council, when many Resolutions were taken, the first for suspending to the First of January next, two Thirds of the Duties on Hay, Oats and other Grain, Butter and Cheese brought into this City, and one 4th Part from that Time to the last Day of February following, when the whole Duties must again be paid as formerly.

The second suspends for the present, the Tax which was going to be levied on all Corporations and Companies of Arts and Trades, on Account of the joyful Accession of his Majesty to the Throne: The 3d. for laying a new Tax on stamped Paper, in Lieu of that which was to have been laid on the Comptrol of the Acts of Notaries, that being look'd upon as less burthensome to the Public. Two Days ago the Count de Clermont, Brother to the Duke de Bourbon, and the Duke de Montmorency, attended the Heart of the late Duke of Orleans, to the Royal Abbey of Val de Grace, where the same was presented to the Abbess, by the Archbishop of Rouen his Chaplain: The Corpse of his Royal Highness is to be carried the 13th Instant to St. Dennis, attended by the Prince de Conti.

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From the Whitehall Evening Post, December 3d.

Constantinople, October 29. The 21st Instant the Divan assembled, and the Aga of the Janizaries was afterwards dispatch'd towards Asoph to command the Army on that Side. The Porte has sent to the Usurper Meriweys, 2 Castans or Vests, and a magnificent Saddle, which are Honours bestowed only on those who are in Alliance with the Empire. 'Tis assured, That our Troops on the Frontiers of Persia are to act in Concert with those of Meriweys.

London, December 3. A Dutch Ship, with 600 Hogheads of Suggar on Board bound for Holland, was some Days since overlet in Bristol Channel.

From the London Gazette, December 3d.

Madrid, November 22d. N. S. On the 22d Instant in the Evening, Mr. Stanhope the British Ambassador returned hither from Arnedillo, where he had been some Weeks, to use the Waters for his Health, and has found great Benefit by them: On the 14th, his Excellency receiving Dispatches by a Cabinet Courier from Paris, went to the King at St. Idelfonso, and delivered to his Majesty the Draughts of the Investitures of Tuscany, Parma and Placentia, as agree'd to by the Emperor, in the Form desired by this Court. The same Courier has been sent back with his Catholic Majesty's Approbation of those Draughts.

Hanover, December 6. The King of Great Britain has appointed the 16th. Instant for his Departure.

From the Evening Post.

Petersburg, Nov. 16. Since the Arrival of a Courier from our Resident at Constantinople, the Contents of whose Dispatches are kept very secret: Our Monarch has conferr'd daily with such of his Ministers as he most confides in. 'Tis assured a Resolution has been taken in the Turkish Divan to declare War against us, whereupon 6 or 7 Regiments are ordered to march from Livonia and Courland to Moscow, besides those lately sent from those Parts.

Hamburg, Dec. 7. Letters from Petersburg say, the Porte has actually declared War against the Russian Emperor, and confined his Ambassador in the seven Towers: The same Letters add, That the Tartars have already made Incursions into the Russian Dominions.

Paris, Dec. 8. The 2d of this Month at 7 in the Evening, the Duke of Orleans was seized with an Apoplectick Fit, as mentioned in our former. His Highness was then going out of the Apartment of the King to his own. For a long time no Surgeon could be found, to bleed him; for his Highness intending to sup in this City, that Night, his Domesticks were come away before, at last the Surgeon of the Princefs de Soubize was call'd to him and opened a Vein, but no Blood issued, and his Highness died soon after. The Duke of Chartres who was here at that Time, received about 8 the melancholly News of his Father's being in a Fit, upon which he immediately took Post for Versailles, but at his Arrival there, found his Father dead. On the 3d in the Morning the Corps of the Deceased was carried to the Castle of St. Cloud, his Country Seat. The 5th, the Surgeons opened him, this Day he was placed in a Bed of State, where he is to remain till the 14th when he will be carried to the Abbey of St. Denis and deposited in the Church during 40 Days, then a solemn Service will be performed for him, and a Funeral Oration, as customary at the Funeral of the Princes of the Blood, or as it is called here the Sons of France.

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The Cause of that Prince's Death is imputed to the great Fatigue he underwent in bringing into a regular Order, the Affairs which the late Cardinal du Bois had left much confused. On the 4th Instant, the Marechal de Villars, was appointed Councillor to his Majesty in all his Councils, in the Room of the Duke de Bourbon. The said Marechal has also been appointed Governour of the Forts and Citadel of Marseilles, in Consideration of which he has resigned the Salary of the Government of Friburg, which was paid him ever since the Peace of Radstat. 'Tis confidently talk'd, That the Marechal de Villeroy is to be forthwith recalled from his Exile, and appointed Counsellor of the Royal Council of Finances.

Actions, which upon the first News of the Death of the D. of Orleans, fell from 1300 to 1000, got up again soon after to 1150, since which the Market has been so crowded with Buyers, that they sell already at 1250, and as the present prime Minister has always been a great Encourager of the India Company, it's hoped they will rise much higher, but Liquidations are still under Seventeen.

From the Flying Post.

Paris, Decem. 4. It seems that the Emperor's Plenipotentiary, the Baron Benrenrieder, did not come hither about the Ostend Affair, but only about the Investiture of the Dominions of Tuscany. Mean time the Germans say, that their Right to establish an India Company is so incontestable, that it needs not to be refer'd to Arbitration. The Marshal d'Etrees is appointed Ambassador to Rome; the Duke de la Force, to London; M. de Bese, to Turin; the Marquis de Rotenbourg, to the Hague; M. de Brancas, to Madrid; the Abbot de Livry, to Vienna, and M. d'Andrezel, to Constantinople.

When the King offered the Bishop of Marseilles a better Bishopric, he desired his Majesty to excuse him, saying, He had chose to end his Days in his own See, where he had the Hearts of all the Inhabitants for the great Services he had done them during the late Pestilence.

The Wife of a Vintner in the Suburbs of St. Germain, was lately delivered of Five Boys, as was the Wife of an Attorney in the Chatelet, of three Boys, who are all living.

The King of Spain has approv'd of the late Alterations made in the Act of Investiture of the Dominions of Italy; so that nothing but the Emperor's Approbation is wanting to the fixing a Day for opening the Cambray Congress.

Hanover, Nov. 30. Last Friday-night the French Comedians acted the Tragedy of *Ignes de Castro* before his Majesty. There are here now a vast Crowd of Foreigners, for all the Foreign Ministers are returned hither from Ghore, as well as those of Great Britain and Hanover; and 'tis observed they are all in Action, which occasions various Speculation.

Rome, Nov. 16. They write from Albano, That Cardinal del Giudice has had a long Conference there with the Chevalier de St. George. Wednesday last the Pretender and his Lady came hither from Albano, and were immediately complimented in the Pope's Name by Signor Bandini.

Petersburg, Nov. 15. Vast Preparations are making here to assist the young Sophi Tachmasis against the Rebel Meriweis. 7000 Men of regular Troops are to be sent towards Asoph; where, 'tis said they will be joined by as many Troops of Cossacks and Slabandes, in case of a Rupture with the Ottoman Porte. 300 battering Pieces are also preparing, with 60 Mortars, and 500 hand Mortars, and 500 Transports are building on the Rivers Volga, Don and Donaik. Orders are likewise given for providing the Cavalry with Horses; and the Czar is fortifying Cronslot with 20 Bastions, after the Model of the late famous Engeneer General Cohorn; and is building a Tower over the Canal; under which a Man of War may pass with all its Sails, so that it will be one of the highest in Europe, if not of the whole World. All these Preparations are made for Fear of a Rupture with the Ottoman Porte.

Lisbon, Nov. 17. We have here an ample Relation of a late Battle fought in Galilee, between the Arabs of Mount Tabor and the City of Nazareth. The Arabs, who are absolute Lords of the Country, came down from the Mountain with all the Forces they could muster, and after several Attacks, entered the Town at the 9th Onset on two Sides, plundered and partly ruined it, with the Loss of a great many Men on both Sides; and then attack'd the Cloister of St. Francis de Santa Grotta, to which the Monks, who live in Fear of those Arabs, were retired with the Inhabitants and Soldiers; who, after having held out a Siege of 12 Days, abandoned it in the Night-time, and fled to St. John d'Acre, which lies eight Leagues from it. Tabor is supposed to be the Mountain on which our Saviour was Transfigured, and the Monks, who come hither on the Anniversary of the said Transfiguration from Nazareth, pretend to shew the particular Places of this Mountain mentioned in the Gospel. Nazareth, which lies but two Hours West from it, and is noted for being the Habitation of Joseph and Mary, was formerly the See of an Archbishopric, and had many Churches; but is now an inconsiderable Village, inhabited by Arabians and Turks, and a few Greeks and Maronites. That call'd the holy Houle of Loretto was, if some Papists say true, carried thither on the Backs of two Angels.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Decem 5.

Paris, Decem. 11. Monsieur de Novion has taken the Oaths as First President of the Parliament. The 4th the Duke de Maine and Count de Tholouse went to visit the Duke of Bourbon, who met them, and they very much caress'd each other.

A Marriage is talk'd of between the Duke de la Tremouille, aged 16, and Mademoiselle de Courcillon, a rich Heiress of 10 Years of Age.

The 7th the Duke de Maine took place for the first Time, since his Disgrace, in the Royal Council. P. S. The Report of the Duke de Main's entring into the Royal Council, is not yet confirmed.

Constantinople, October 28. Prince Ragorski goes often to the Grand Visier's and the Caimachan's. 'Tis said he solicites for a Grant of Walachia to him and his Posterity. The Regency of Algiers have acquainted the Sultan, that if they are obliged to make Peace with the Dutch, they should be no longer able to pay the annual Tribute to the Porte. Just now a Report is spread, that the Caimachan of this City has sent one of his Domestics to the Resident of Russia, forbidding him and his Servants to go out of the Quarters where he lives, till the Return of the last Express he sent to Court.

London, Decem. 5. Their Excellencies the Lords Justices have dispatched Mr. Turner the Messenger to the Hague, with Letters to his Majesty.

From the Flying Post, December 5.

Geneva, Nov. 21. They write from Milan, that since the Death of the Great Duke of Tuscany, the Spaniards have landed at Porto Longone a Reinforcement of 2000 Men, 36 Cannon, and a great Quantity of Ammunition.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London December 5.

LETTERS from the Hague, by the last Holland Mail say, That the Baron de Glein, first Minister of the late Elector and Bishop of Cologne, and the Baron Platenbourg, also first Minister of Munster, are both gone to Liege upon the Affair of chusing a new Bishop, and its thought, they will get the Nomination in Favour of the latter. Our great Ally the Emperor, notwithstanding the many Representations that have been made to him, against the Establishment of the E. India Company in the Austrian Netherlands, is as resolute as ever to stand by what he has done in Relation to the Charter for Erecting the said Company. The Directors of which have now received the Emperor's Original for the Marquis de Prie which is magnificently adorned, sealed with the great

Seal,

Seal, and inclosed within a Box of Silver, and they have undertaken to pay the 10000 Crowns borrowed by Mr. Cobb, for building a Fort on the Coast of Bengale.

In the mean time 'tis hoped, that his Imperial Majesty will dispatch back the Countier that was lately sent to Vienna by his Plenipotentiary at Cambray. with such Instructions as may no longer retard the Opening the Cambray Congress.

They write from Florence, That the new Great Duke, in order to bring his Revenues into a better State than they are at present, has suspended all the Pen-sions which his Father had settled.

From Paris we are told, That on the 7th Instant the Royal Council resolved to suppress the Duties on Hay, Corn and Oats; and to ease the Tacks to be levied on Tradesmen, on account of the King's Accession; and to lay a Tax on stamp'd Paper which will be less burdensom to the People.

Our last Letters from New England, give a particular Account of several Con-ferences at Bostoun, between the General Assembly and the Delegates of the six Indian Nations; wherein the several Treaties of Alliance, &c. since the first Set-tlement of the English in that Colony, were confirmed, and Pledges given by both Parties, viz. by the Indians, several Belts of Wampum (their usual Token of Fidelity) and on the part of the English, several Pieces of Silver Plate, engraved with Curiosities of several Sorts.

The Indians, at taking their Leave, promised their utmost Assistance in the present War against the Eastern Indians; and the Lieutenant Governour gave them Assurance, that they should be supplied with all Necessaries, and offered that one or two of the young Men of each of their Tribes should be educated at the Colleges till they had acquired Learning sufficient to instruct their Tribes in the Christian Religion; which Offer they promised at their Return home to con-sider of and send an Answer.

John West Esq; a Money Scrivener, and Deputy Alderman of the Ward of Wal-brook, who died lately worth 130000 l. left by his Will 500 l. to each of the Hospitals in this City, also 200 l. to the Poor of two Parishes, and a large Sum to those depriv'd of their Sight.

On Tuesday last, Samuel Hollis Esq; an eminent Merchant of this City, died suddenly as he was telling a Sum of Money at Mr. Colebrook's behind the Roy-al Exchange: We hear he left by Will 3000 l. to the Hospital of St. Thomas in Southwark.

This Day Capt. Stanly, so called, was try'd at the Old-Bailly, for the barba-rous Murder of Ms. Maycock and found Guilty: The Trial of the Cripple-gate Rioters, who have Mr. Hungerford and Mr. Kettleby for their Council, is de-ferr'd till To-morrow. The Lady Abergaveny's twin Daughters, of which she was brought to bed a Week after her Lord's decease, are both dead. The Parliament which stands prorogued to the 10th Instant is further prorogued to the 9th of January next.

This Evening the Lord Chief Baron Eyre was sworn into that great Office before the Lord Chancellor. This Day the Seals began after Term.

Yesterday the 7 Waltham Blacks were executed at Tyburn. They appear'd in a very poor and weak Condition, and at the Gallows none of them had any Power to pray except Philips.

London, December 5. This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 113. South Sea Annuity 99, one Quarter. Bank 121, one Quarter. India 138. African 13, 3 8ths. York Buildings 12, 3 Quarters.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

*** These are to Advertise all Merchants and Others, who bring home and deal in Grass-seeds, That they give in to George Handyside Writer in Edinburgh, Secretary to the Society for Improving in the Knowledge of Agriculture, to be found at Sir James Justice and Mr. Mackenzie their Chamber in the Parliament Close, a Sample of their se-veral Grass-seeds, with an Account of the Prices, and Quantities they have to dispose of, so as the Members of the Society may be informed how to be provided with such Seeds as they may have use for.*

That

|| That upon the Twenty-third Day of December next, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, in the Writers Court there, between 3 and 4 a-clock in the Afternoon, will be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laid House or Cellar, consisting of Six Rooms, whereof 4 are Fire-rooms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of Bell's Wynd. The Conditions of Roup and Progress of the Writs are to be seen in the Hands of Andrew Geddes Writer in Edinburgh, at his House at the Bank-clofs-head.

BY Order of Mr. John Ogilvie of Balbignie, Mr. John Forbes of Newhall, and Mr. Alexander Bayne of Rires, Advocates, Trustees and Arbiters for the Creditors of David Earl of Northesk.

There are to give Notice that the said Trustees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking; Now, that the most part of them have signed the Submission, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Creditors to give in their Claims and Instructions of Debt to William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh, Clerk to the said Submission, betwixt and the first of January next; and such Creditors as have not as yet signed the Submission by themselves or by Proxy, are hereby advertised and desired, to sign the same, or send Powers to their Doers for that Effect, That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Disposition granted by the said Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewise send up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, such as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

THAT there are to be exposed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, upon Tuesday the 7th of January 1724 Years, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon, within the House of John Steel Vintner in Edinburgh, the Lands and Barony of Carnbee, holden Taxward of the Crown, with a Tenement and six Acres of Land in Overkelly, holding Blench of the Earl of Kelly, all lying within the Shire of Fife, and extending in yearly free Rent to 55 Bolls 3 Firlots Meal, 103 Bolls 3 Firlots Bear, 6 Bolls 3 Firlots 3 aPecks Oats, 516 l. 17 sh. 4 p. Money, 168 Cain Fowls, 120 Loads Carriage-Coals and 5 lib. for a Stone of Cheese and a Wedder, with a Coal and a great Number of Old and young Planting, and an Orchard, Pidgeon-house and other Office-houses, and about 80 Acres of Ground for Parking and labouring in the Knightsward, and Two Thirds of King's Muir not rentalled. The Progress, Rental and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Clofs, Edinburgh.

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